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PQ ref 11815/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of healthcare workers who are in direct patient contact who are yet to receive the first dose of the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

Frontline healthcare workers are identified as Cohort 2 within the Government's Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups. Vaccination of frontline healthcare workers commenced on 29th December 2020. Since then over 297,000 doses of Covid -19 vaccines have been administered to this group. By March 21st 204,374 FLHCWs had received dose one and 92,634 of these have received dose 2, and are fully vaccinated.

It is difficult to quantify those still requiring vaccination as the numbers are dynamic (For example, new employees will continue to enter the system and others, for a variety of reasons, may not have accessed the programme to date). However, it is expected that the vaccination of this priority cohort will be substantively complete by the second week in April. Specific arrangements will be in place to ensure that those who still require a vaccine after that date will receive one.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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